



EAGLE CAP SHOOTERS

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General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, July 14, 2025

Status: Approved

Board Members Present: Bill Oliver, Gary Bethscheider, John Amond, Dan Piper, Dave Kuhlman, Grady Rawls

Board Members Absent: Gina Birkmaier, Dean Brown

Members and Guests: none

Handouts: July financial statements, July membership report

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm

Flag Salute

Introductions

Last Month's Minutes

The June minutes were read and approved on a motion by John Amond and a second by Grady Rawls with no corrections or additions.

Treasurer's Report and Friends of ECS Banquet Outcome Report

The Treasurer's Report was read by John Amond. Current primary checking account balance is \$38,499, banquet account balance is \$15,750, short-term CDs total \$10,403, and long-term CDs total \$45,000, as reported on the handout. The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Dan Piper and a second by Dave Kuhlman. The detail of the Treasurer's Report is available by contacting John Amond.

Regarding the P&L statement since the last meeting, John explains that we have received \$1.3k in membership fees and dues while spending \$2.1k on outstanding banquet expenses, \$3.9k on building expenses, \$1.5k in insurance and \$2.5k in range expenses on gravel for the Moving Target Range. Year-to-date income from membership has been \$40.3k. John notes that there is a \$10k expense listed on the P&L under banquet expenses that should be removed as those initial expenses were paid back.

Regarding the current cash projection, John explains that we are at a projects positive of \$9.3k for this year after the large bump to income from the banquet without needing to dip into any reserves. John notes that the reserves for long-term members are still heavy as they have not been reduced yet this year.

Gary Bethscheider explains that we still have 5 Ruger Wranglers to purchase from the banquet that have not been accounted for yet. Bill Oliver notes that \$300 in range fees is for a family reunion event that we will be hosting the day after the meeting.



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Membership Report

The Membership Report was read by John Amond. John explains that the total membership count for the 2025+ membership year is 291 at the time of the meeting, with 206 of those members paying annually. This count is about 50 short of the final for the 2024+ membership year. John Amond notes that he expects to see an influx in Fall again this year.

Law Enforcement Relations Report

Bill Oliver explains that DPSST used the Range the week before the meeting and had 16-20 participants including Baker City PD, the local Sheriff's department, Hermiston, and more. Bill notes that everyone was very pleased with the range facilities, including the Moving Target Range. The total paid by DPSST was \$253 that was paid as a credit to Rahn's.

Gary Bethscheider moves that any law enforcement agency that uses the Range needs to have a corporate membership and needs to pay additional range fees if they are doing multiple events per year and that local OSP needs a separate membership from SWAT OSP. John Amond seconds this motion, and it was unanimously approved by all present.

Old Business

Range Report

Bill Oliver explains that Dan Moncrief was the maintenance chair but has recently stepped down, so we will need to appoint a new chairperson. Dean Brown, Gary Bethscheider, Ryan Seal, Dave Kuhlman and others have agreed to be on the committee but do not want to chair the committee.

Gary Bethscheider explains that the range and berms are looking pretty good and doesn't think that mowing is necessary. Bill notes that he has talked with our weed spraying contractor who will take a look soon. Bill further notes that the Range-wide burn that was planned for this year is not going to happen.

Gary explains that he is talking with a plumber about adding a float to the cistern and some other items. Bill notes that we still need to pour a concrete slab for the 100-yard sight in bay and sidewalks for the trap and skeet range.

Education Building Project

Gary Bethscheider explains he has received some more help from volunteers recently on sheetrock and notes that he has approached Joel Stein about tape and texture.

Trap & Skeet Range Project

Bill Oliver explains that the buildings are constructed with the exception of the roofs. Some of the blocks still need to be filled and the machine stands need more concrete. This work is scheduled for the coming weeks.



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Moving Target Range Project

Gary Bethscheider explains that this project is complete other than moving some concrete jersey barriers to west side of the pit.

Front Gate Project

Gary Bethscheider explains that conduit has been installed for power and pedestals.

1,000-yard Competition Target Facility

Gary Bethscheider explains that concrete jersey barriers need to be moved out to the 1,000-yard berm soon as we only have the excavator until September.

Wallowa Ready

Grady Rawls explains that instructors have been difficult to schedule, Grady wants to put a list together of potential instructors and classes to get something scheduled soon.

New Business

Board and Maintenance Chair Vacancy

Bill Oliver explains that Dan Moncrief has resigned as a board member and as the maintenance chair for Eagle Cap Shooters. Jane Rushane has graciously agreed to take his place and chair the maintenance committee. Jane Rushane was approved as a board member to complete Dan's term ending in 2026 on a unanimous vote by the board members present and by Gina Birkmaier via phone call. Bill Oliver appointed Jane as the new chair of the maintenance committee.

Club Armorer

Bill Oliver explains that he has collected serial numbers for all of the club's firearms. Bill explains that these firearms are currently held by multiple board and non-board members and we do not currently have an armorer who is in charge of holding and tracking these firearms. John Amond nominates Kim Hutchison as the armorer. Bill will discuss with Kim to see if he is comfortable taking on this role.

Thank You for Banquet and Gift Receipts

Bill Oliver explains that we have Thank You cards printed up and a list of recipients, but have not decided how to deliver these cards. After some discussion, it was decided that Dan Piper and John Amond would add as many addresses as possible to the list, and then would send to other members to hopefully complete the list.

Firewood Planning

Gary Bethscheider explains that the Wallowa Trap Team has volunteered to help with firewood, Gary will reach out to them to coordinate a time.

Range Safety Orientation

Dan Piper explains that the schedule is filled with the exception of September. There were no volunteers for September at the meeting. Dave Kuhlman explains that he is not able to do July. Bill Oliver agrees to trade with Dave for August.



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Upcoming Events

Bill Oliver explains that the Summit Training has been paid for already.

- Tuesday, 7/15: Rifle and Pistol Range Closed 12:30pm – 3pm | May Family Reunion
- Saturday, 7/19: Range Safety Orientation 10am | Instructor: Bill Oliver – (541)398-1104
- Saturday, 7/19: Pistol Range Closed 9am – 12pm | 21-Foot Training
- Sunday, 8/24: Pistol Range Closed 2pm – 6pm | Summit Training

Good of the Order

John Amond asks the group if we are doing a Youth Shoot this year. It is generally agreed that we should. Bill Oliver will reach out to Dave McKenzie to see if he is willing to organize the event again this year.

John Amond explains that the chairs for the Education Building have been purchased, but we need to coordinate a time to transport them to the Range.

Grady Rawls explains that he received the refund for the Sitka jacket we ordered for the banquet but never received, so we are squared away.

Gary Bethscheider explains that he thinks we should consider doing another banquet next year and long as we get more volunteers and a committee is formed to do the planning. Bill Oliver proposes doing a smaller banquet at the Education Building with bigger prizes and a larger buy in. Dan Piper will work on a list of committee positions for banquet planning.

Gary Bethscheider notes that he believes we paid an upfront fee with Pacific Power that should have lowered our monthly costs. Bill Oliver will investigate. Gary will talk with the realtor who was selling neighboring properties to see if anything has sold where we may be able to get some money back from Pacific Power if a neighboring property hooks up to power.

Gary Bethscheider notes that the current raffle is going well and about half of the tickets are sold already.

This Old Gun

None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15pm

Next Meeting: Monday, August 11th, 2025, at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall, Enterprise, Oregon

Submitted: Dan Piper, Secretary